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Weekly Whirligig

Blue Danube . . . A few lines in the daily press a couple days ago gave me an idea of how patriotism and loyalty may be perverted to the point where it degenerates into a malign, loathsome disease.

Perhaps you may have read that the customers in a downtown cafe objected strongly to the manager at the playing of a certain piece of music. It was Johann Strauss' "Blue Danube," the best loved waltz in the world—a piece that will never lose its enchantment nor its memories for me.

It is difficult to believe that people could descend to such loathsome forms of patriotism. As for myself, "hamburger" it's always been, and "hamburger" it's going to be, no matter what the language.

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Black and White . . . When patriotism becomes a disease, just like the dread syphilis, it breaks out in a great many forms. Recently in Calgary a mob of civilians and soldiers attempted to assault a Negro musician, whose sister had married a private in a Calgary regiment.

A pack of wolves, driven by hunger, will track down and slay their quarry, relentlessly and mercilessly. A pack of human beasts, driven by inflamed prejudice and unhinged mental balance, presents a despicable contrast.

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Yellow Press . . . And yet, I cannot believe that men at heart want to fight, to hurt, to slay. I have not yet met the man who took a deliberate delight in human suffering, that represented human suffering alone.

Rather, in time of war, a fine and noble quality such as loyalty, is perverted and distorted — often by a yellow press, which teaches hate and destruction for the enemy rather than love and respect for one's country; which finds the flaming war headlines ample justification for the foulest editorial vituperation.

Is it that our country cannot go to war with an unflinching resolve to win what be won; and yet to understand that we do what we do, not because we are filled with hate and blood lust, but because we have no alternative, if we wish to preserve everything that is dearest to us.

I am reminded of Pearl Buck's description of a formidable people in her review of Corporal Hino's book, "Wheat and Soldiers". . . I wonder if the Canadian people are any less formidable

"For through this one little corporal, through what he sees and hears and feels, in his capacity to suffer and endure, and yet to go on doing what he thinks is his duty, and to go on doing it with the very dedication of blind devotion and [illegible] which is his being, we see the Japanese, the most formidable people on earth."

C.J.A. To Call Parley In Aid Of Nisei Unity

Vocational Essay Contest Mooted

A decision to call a round-table conference of representatives from various Nisei societies in the city to assist the feeling of unity among the second generation was reached Wednesday night at the meeting of the directors of the Canadian Japanese Association, in endorsing a proposal from the social welfare division.

It was felt that both internal and external conditions make it imperative that organization among the Nisei should be strengthened, and that the influence of the first generation might prove a stimulus to any movement for unity within second generation ranks.

Brief reports were also heard from the newly formed economic and vocational research committees. A proposal from the latter that an essay contest upon concrete suggestions for improving economic conditions within the Japanese community was approved.

Friday evening, April 12, the directors will hold a round table conference with Hisanori Kano, the agricultural expert and minister, who arrived recently from the University of Nebraska to assist farmers of the Fraser Valley in meeting some of their problems.

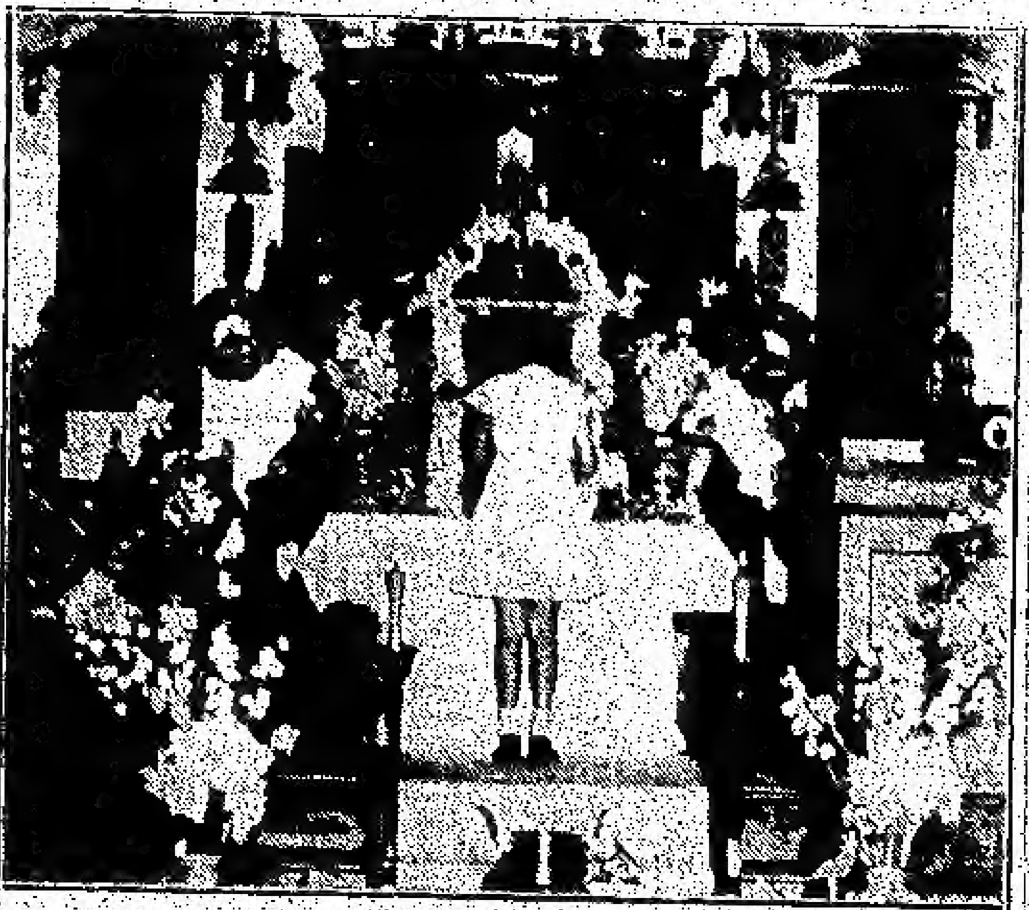

Photo by Jo Sei o

One of the most picturesque Buddhist rites is the hanamatsuri or "flower festival" which was observed at the Hompa Buddhist Temple last Sunday.

In the above scene taken by The New Canadian staff photographer, little Hiroko Kuramitsu, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Kuramitsu of 2115 Grant Street, is snapped taking part in the ceremony. She is pouring amacha, a kind of sweet tea, over the bronze image of the child Buddha in the hana-mido—a sort of flower shrine—insuring long life.

In the immediate centre foreground is the familiar incense burner. In the background on both sides of the altar are hanging two precious scrolls; the one on the left portrays the seven leading disciples of Buddha, the one on the right Shotoku Taishi who was largely instrumental in introducing Buddhism to Japan.

For a detailed account of the hana matsuri please turn to page two.

Hompa Buddhist Church Holds Hana Matsuri

In contrast to the soft light shed by flickering candles, an air of austerity pervaded the Hompa Buddhist Temple last Sunday afternoon as children and adults alike gathered to celebrate the birthday of Buddha.

The singing of much loved children's songs, in which representatives from the Hompa, Kitsilano and Steveston Sunday Schools took part, and speeches highlighted the afternoon's celebrations.

Main speaker at the service was the visiting Rev. Rakusho Hosui, one of the most eminent Buddhist priests of Japan, who, in keeping with the day's festivities, delivered a sermon on the life of Buddha.

Kaname Yamamoto, past president of the Canada League of Young Buddhists' Associations, spoke briefly on behalf of the League.

In honour of the occasion, the ladies of the Hompa Fujinkai paid visits to the patients in the various hospitals taking with them flowers as gifts.

Evacuate Base

PRINCE RUPERT. — Japanese residents of Seal Cove, adjacent to the city of Prince Rupert have been given orders to evacuate from their homes. The Department of National Defence will establish an airplane base upon the site.

Visiting "Agricultural Missionary" Has Colorful and Varied Career

By Yoshimitsu Higashi

When I was a child I used to stand in awe of men robed in clerical or priestly garb. To me they lived in and belonged to a world apart, even in their dealings with ordinary beings like you and me. But at the Tairiku Nippo lecture classes last Wednesday, I met Hisanori Kano, who shattered the last shred of that illusion in no uncertain terms.

I had heard that he had graduated from the agricultural department of the Imperial University in Tokyo and later had come to study agriculture at the University of Nebraska some 25 years ago, where he graduated with high honours. Contrary to all expectations, and to my utter amazement, Mr. Kano walked into the lecture room wearing the familiar priest's dress.

"H-h-h-how is it that you're dressed like that?" I asked him later.

"Oh, I'm an agricultural missionary," said he. "I'm not a theologian, but something in the line of a medical missionary. I'm just as much interested in the material as spiritual needs of people."

CAREER OF SERVICE

One word pretty well sums up his brilliant career—service. Whether in the role of a priest of the Episcopalian Church, which takes him over ten central states from Ohio and Illinois in the East to Colorado in the West, or as an agricultural expert in which position he has been engaged to assist farmers in the Fraser Valley, he is keenly interested in the welfare of all with whom he comes into contact.

He went on to say a few words about the meeting at Haney, where he lectured earlier in the day. "I am trying to approach various problems of the farmer not only from the technical but also the economic angle."

He informed me that there was much room for development and improvement, and stressed the necessity of producers', and consumers' co-operatives, based on sound foundations and principles among the Japanese.

In his lecture, filled with anec-

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On The Newsfront

JCCL May Sponsor Nisei Debate League

The formation of a debating league with teams entering from various Nisei societies was raised as a possibility Tuesday night, when the executives of the Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens League met to discuss the program of activity for the coming months.

A cup is available for the competition, and it was felt that the numerous orators now being developed in oratorical contests could turn to debating as the next logical step.

Plans for a widespread membership drive with door to door canvassing were tabled until the next meeting, when they will be considered in detail. The same fate befell a proposal to sponsor an essay contest asking for constructive criticisms of the Citizens League.

Kunio Shimizu, treasurer of the chapter, and executive secretary of the National Council was appointed as the Chapter's official representative to the Japanese Welfare Federation. As such he will assume the office of secretary of the Federa-

National JACL Prexy "Nisei of the Year"

CHICAGO. — "Every minority group in the country, no matter of what racial origin has benefitted by the championing of human well-being," as typified in the work of Walter Tsukamoto as national president of the Japanese American Citizens' League, the Chicago Japanese Young People's Association believes.

In selecting Tsukamoto, youthful Sacramento attorney, as the "Nisei of the Year," the Chicago organization commended his work in opposing the anti-alien bills in the California Legislature.

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Powell Church Radio Sunday School

Following up a very successful program last Sunday, the Powell Japanese United Church will again present the service over the United Church Radio Sunday School, April 14, over station CKWX, from 4:00-4:30 p.m. Miss Ritsu Shin will be the soloist.

$10.35 had gone too.

Diplomatic Parley To Be Held in Rio

A conference of Japanese diplomatic representatives in South America will be held at Rio de Janeiro for five days, starting May 14, and will be attended by Japanese ambassadors, ministers, and consular officials in South American countries.

Sotomatsu Kato, Minister-at-large, will also attend with his staff of three. Kato and his staff will sail from Yokohama, April 16 for New York, whence they will travel by plane to Rio.

Following the conference in the Brazilian city, Kato will attend the parley of diplomatic representatives to North and Central America, to be held in Washington.

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Let's Grow Up!

One of our most grievous faults as children of an immigrant group in Canada is our failure to understand the changes taking place in our community and in our daily lives. So few of us understand the basic processes by which an immigrant group is slowly absorbed into the life of the larger group around about us.

Because we lack that understanding, we are too prone to think of ourselves as singled out as the special victims of a cruel fate and to think that we alone have to face problems created by racial prejudice.

And so we shy away from meeting our problems, we sit back in our little circle, our little club, and indulge in sentimental childish dreams with our companions in misery. And then, when the dream explodes, we escape from hard facts by plunging into a round of social amusement with the same companions, trying to convince ourselves that our problems actually don't exist.

Principal Sato's address to the Vancouver Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League is especially valuable, because it is only rarely that a speaker examines the second generation position from all angles and presents it in its proper perspective, giving us the opportunity to understand just what it is all about.

From the sociologist's point of view, the basic process of contact and assimilation between two racial groups is simple, although the details may be very complex. It is characterized by a conflict between what the sociologist terms the "culture patterns" of the two groups, that is, a conflict between the different standards, beliefs and customs.

Mr. Sato gave a vivid illustration of this clash in standards in describing the different opinions of the Nisei held by the first generation and Canadian school teachers.

It is the Nisei's task, our task, to find a "golden mean" between these two sets of standards—a set of values which will bring the greatest satisfaction to ourselves, to our parents and to our Occidental friends—a set of values which can be adjusted with the passage of time to meet changing conditions and beliefs.

And because Mr. Sato's analysis is based upon a broad understanding of the whole situation, his message for us to develop the "pioneering spirit," to display greater resourcefulness and initiative, to devote more of our energy to the serious question of making our lives worthwhile, is all the more urgent and convincing.

Mr. Sato urged that we cast off the vague dreams and foibles of our childhood, and assume the duties and responsibilities, the outlook and spirit of mature young men and women.

Specifically, Mr. Sato urged us to pioneer in economic fields. Yet it is not only in making a living that we need to pioneer. It's time we were pioneering in the whole field of human relationships, in the responsibilities which each of us owes to the other, in growing up to manhood and womanhood, instead of remaining childishly mental, long after we have completed our physical development.

In short, let's grow up!

NATIONAL DEFENCE

"There are convincing arguments against permitting any considerable amount of Oriental immigration; but it is difficult to see any reason, logic or justice in denying important civil and political rights to those that are permanently settled in Canada, especially to those born and educated in Canada."

"The treatment accorded to Orientals has some importance in the matter of national defence. A sullen, ostracized Oriental population scattered along the British Columbia coast could be a serious matter in time of war. A friendly, loyal, politically satisfied group could be of great positive help to the defence and naval intelligence service." — **Violet Anderson in "World Currents and Canada's Course."**

Niseiana...

Kirche, Kinder und Kuche —the Nisiette Slogan?

What is the prerequisite of a perfect wife? A good cook, of course. Any Canadian eligible in search of a model mate should cast his eyes over the fertile fields across the border which are now teeming with expert cooks and contented well-fed men.

Realizing more and more the value of the expression, "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach," Seattle Nisei thronged to the Japanese - American Courier Cooking School to polish their rusted talent and to learn new secrets of this womanly art. The school was one of the biggest events of the season proving that no matter what may be their outward attitude, Nisei women realize that their place is in the home.

Interesting note—sprinkled here and there among the enthusiastic women were a number of men who it seems are preparing for the worst.

Wish The New Canadian would sponsor one here in Vancouver, then maybe all the eligibles will remain in home fields instead of drifting to the country in search of brides.

"The Bachelors" Are The Philandering Type

Talking about eligibles, Seattle takes the pie in the formation of a club extraordinaire. "The Bachelors," complete with officers and emblems, is made up solely of boys who have no "steadies." It's a most exclusive club requiring the highest qualifications for who can resist the charms of a wily woman? A court martial awaits anyone who is caught going steady for over two weeks.

What would happen to any such organization up here especially if some scheming woman got wind of who's who in the club? Just try it and find out.

She Had So Many Children!

How would you like to keep track of 48 great-grand-children, their parents, and their parents' parents? Now, if you were centenarian or Mrs. Hachizoemon Hattori, aged 90, of Furuichi, Hyogo Prefecture, that is precisely what you would be trying to do. Hattori's family is the largest in Japan. And no member of this gigantic clan has died or been seriously ill during the last fifty years.

Imagine all the birthdays to remember, and the Christmas presents to buy!

This Story Really Rings the Bell!

Joe Oyama of the L. A. Rafu Shimpo tells this tale that he heard in Alabama: In Alabama when you go into a show, all the white people sit downstairs, and all the Negroes upstairs. When the white people downstairs laugh, there is silence upstairs—until a bell is rung, then the Negroes sitting upstairs laugh!

A slight exaggeration about the color line, but it hits the point right on the head.

Child Podigy Brags A Brilliant Bow

We have our Saitas and our Nakamuras, but we have yet to see our child prodigy. Seattle Japanese, however, can boast of Masashi Hashida, 11-year-old violin virtuoso, who was presented in a brilliant recital last Tuesday. Highlight of the programme was the sparkling Mendelssohn Concerto, a half hour of technique and delicate finesse of a mature artist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Equality of Men

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: Abraham Lincoln said: "All men are created equal . . ." Colour, race or creed should not affect the opinion of any man, in a democracy such as ours. Men should be accepted on their merits. (In Germany at the present time we see the spectacle of an entire race being reduced to poverty and driven from the country.)

There are good and bad in every race and the men who are deserving should be accepted on their merits. But few really live up to this democratic principle. A Japanese boy is born in Canada with two strikes on him. He has a much harder time than a white boy to make any sort of success in life. Some white boys may holler their heads off because of that "Jap" getting the job. In fact the "Jap" had to fight for the job and has a harder time trying to keep it. This does not mean that he regrets he was born Japanese, as God has created him.

But if these apparently selfish, greedy, wolfish animals would cast off their disguise, we'd have a better chance to secure better understanding and peace.

"Has Been."

Vancouver.

Likes Poetry

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: I confess I don't know very much about poetry, but I enjoy those written by M. Ishi[illegible]. There's something about them that appeals to me.

My curiosity was aroused somewhat when "The Dream[illegible]" was printed under the name of "Asagao" for I'm under the impression that she wrote it. Or am I wrong? Wonder what others thought about it?

"A Faithful Reader."

Vancouver.

A Bouquet

Editor, The New Canadian — Dear Sir: May I congratulate you on your splendid work in the Nisei field? I have been an enthusiastic reader of The New Canadian for many, many months and I find it a delightful means whereby I can keep in touch with my fellow Niseis.

Erma Watanabe.

Cloverdale.

The Birth of a Religion:

Hana Matsuri or "Flower Festival"

Children Celebrate Birthday of Buddha

April is one of the most beloved of all months in Japan.

April is the month when everything takes a new lease on life. Spring is in the air. The early mornings have a delicious crispness about them. The trees are beginning to burst into leaf. Later the landscape is transformed into a veritable fairyland of soft-hued cherry blossoms and the air is scented with their ravishingly delicate fragrance. This is the month when the boys and girls start their new grades at school. Appropriately enough, it is also the month of Buddha's birth.

. . . THE KAN-BUTSU-E . . .

The celebrations known as the Kan-butsu-e or "the anniversary of the birth of Buddha" take place on the eigth.

There is great rejoicing in the temples, and the faithful who throng the places of worship show their enthusiasm by showering money and coins into great collection boxes standing just inside the entrance to the temples.

The children take the most prominent part in the festival. They are to be heard singing Buddha's birthday song:

"In the old, old time, some three thousand years ago—it was on the eighth of April, when the cherries are in full bloom —a gladsome sound loudly echoed to the far ends of all the worlds. Heaven and Earth were rejoicing at the birth of Buddha. He had entered the womb of his mother, Maya, in the form of a white elephant, having left the Heavens of contentment for the sake of suffering man. At the moment of his birth, he pointed upwards with one hand, and with the other downwards, exclaimed, 'I am all!' Then he took seven steps to the right and seven steps to the left and a lotus flower sprang up at every step."

According to the sacred accounts, the Queen mother was returning to her own home for the birth of her baby and on the way happened to rest in the flower garden of Lumbini Park. All about her were asoka blossoms and in delight she reached out her arm to pluck a branch and the Prince was born.

. . . THE HANA-MIDO . . .

In the actual ceremony, the sacred image of Buddha is placed within a specially constructed hana-mido, a sort of bower or shrine made of flowers.

Boys and girls wearing special kimono approach the hana-mido and pour amacha, a kind of sweet tea, over the image insuring long life, and offer small posies of flowers. All the while, the priests chant hymns in honour of the infant Buddha to the strains of ancient Japanese musical instruments, and at intervals, little girls perform a ceremonial temple dance.

This ceremony which dates back more than a thousand years and whose origin is most probably in China, has come to be known more popularly as the hana matsuri or "flower festival," and observed throughout the whole country.

In places where the celebrations are staged in a more lavish manner, the image of Buddha is borne through the streets in a gorgeous palanquin or sometimes on the back of a big white elephant in a flowered canopy.

What Do Isseis and Canadian Teachers Think Of Nisei Moral Standards?

Principal Sato Gives Some New Slants

Drawing from the results of several questionnaires on the Nisei he had circulated among a few Isseis and forty-five Canadian high school and public school teachers, R. Tsutae Sato, principal of the local Japanese Language School pointed out in an address to the Vancouver JCCL at the Nippon Club last Thursday that the different opinions entertained by the Issei and Canadian teachers were due to their different moral standards.

He first listed the highlights of the questionaires.

Issei Viewpoints

According to the Issei, the good traits of the Nisei consisted of (number of answers enclosed in parenthesis): high moral standards (7); liveliness and cheerfulness (5); lack of class consciousness (5); respect for the female sex (5); no good points (8).

Among their points were enumerated: disrespect for their elders (31); lack of manners (11); lack of perseverance (11); no ambition, no spirit of application (6); no sense of responsibility (5); disobedience (3).

Canadian Teachers' Viewpoint

The teachers of Britannia, King George, Technical and Grandview high schools, Templeton Junior High, Strathcona and MacDonald public schools who were interviewed declared that Nisels were studious (20); well-behaved (20); careful (12); hard-working (11); attentive to detail (11); respectful (8); obedient (7); neat (6); ambitious (1).

Among the Nisei's shortcomings they listed: lack of initiative (6); tendency to keep their opinions to themselves (5); the aping of the defects of their Canadian friends (3); emotional reserve (2); no faults (2); no comments (5).

Different Standards

In enlarging upon differences in the viewpoints of the Issei and Canadians, Mr. Sato said that the Japanese viewpoint is based primarily on the Japanese family system. The Japanese show great interest in people closely connected to themselves but have comparatively little concern about those with whom they have no direct dealings.

What the Canadians criticize in the Nisei as a lack of initiative, too much reserve and backwardness, conforms to the Japanese ideal of reverence, filial piety and gentleness of spirit. On the other hand, what the Issei would condemn as disrespect, impoliteness and disobedience, the westerner would interpret as indicative of spiritedness, sociability and a co-operative spirit.

Isseis Were Also Young

Moreover, Mr. Sato showed that the Japanese base their criticisms on educational and cultural standards which are thirty years old. The Issei like all first generation people are inclined to forget their own youth.

In taking after the western mode of living, the Nisei are, comparatively speaking, getting more out of life, the principal stated. Through their wider use of leisure-time in sports, social intercourse and pleasures, amusements, hobbies and other intellectual and physical pursuits, they are living a broader and fuller life.

As yet, the standard of living of the Japanese is lower than that of the Canadians. Thus, in conclusion, Mr. Sato declared that the Nisei should exercise more pioneering spirit, devote more of their time and thought to their work and try to aim at economic independence and security as they are to pass their lives in this country.

To Appear Again

Portraying the leading role of Ada, a kind-hearted telephone operator in the play, "First Class Matter," Aki Hyodo, above, who won the Best Actress trophy in the Young People's Union Drama Festival, will again be seen in action at the Japanese Hall, April 27.

Nisei Mine Sweepers

J.C.C.L. Clearing Snags From Fraser R.

By Staff Correspondent

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 11. — Armed with dynamite and steel cable, hardy cool-nerved second generation fishermen of the Sunbury-East Richmond district will undertake the difficult and often hazardous task of removing snags from the bottom of the Fraser River again this year.

Hoping to repeat their successful campaign of last season in raising funds for the Surrey-East Richmond-Delta Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League, members of the chapter will work the river from Woodward's Slough to New Westminster, a distance of over fifteen miles.

Fishermen, who find the existence of snags a major difficulty in fishing in the Fraser, will dig willingly into their pockets.

Mine Sweeping

The method used in removing the snags is very similar to the operations of the Navy in sweeping the deadly magnetic mines, which have become a major weapon in the war today.

With several hundred feet of three-quarter inch cable towed behind, two boats sweep the river bottom in the vicinity of known snags. When the cable hooks on to the snag, the two boats come together. Then a shackle is slid down the cable forming a noose around the snag, which is then pulled up by the boats.

If the cables do not fasten onto the snag or if the snag is too large, dynamite is used to blast it. This is where the quiet, efficient vice-president of the chapter, Tom Oikawa, has the opportunity of displaying his prowess as a blasting expert, and at the same time takes his life into his own hands. Up to a hundred sticks of dynamite are used in making a blasting charge.

Accord With New Central Regime Sought By Japan

U.S Non-Recognition Statement Assailed

TOKYO. — In a farewell message to General Abe, newly-appointed ambassador to the new Central Government of China, at a national party held in his honour at Hibiya Park last Saturday, Premier Yonai emphasized Japan's ultimate aim in the Far East.

He declared that Japan extends a full measure of co-operation and support to the new regime, in expectation that the Nanking Government would co-operate fully in the construction of a new order in the Far East, and assist in the establishment of a permanent peace.

Appreciating the enthusiastic send-off given by the nation, General Abe said the situation in East Asia could be settled as soon as the dictatorial regime in China abandons a pro-communist policy.

Pointing out that Japan's guiding principle for the settlement of the China affair consists of good neighborliness and economic co-operation, and that the new Central Government has been organized along those lines, the ambassador hoped that it would grow to be an effective stable government.

Hull Statement Assailed

SHANGHAI. — Declaring that the establishment of the National Government of China is "not a step in a program of force but an achievement of moral force and justice," Tang Liang-li, Director-General of the Publicity Board of Nanking, vigorously assailed U.S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull's non-recognition statement of March 30.

"It is obvious," declared Tang, "that it is not China's well-being which counts with Hull and his countrymen. The determining factor is American interests. Sino-Japanese co-operation was opposed not on the grounds that it is not in China's interests, but because it is thought it will be injurious to American interests."

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Candlelight and Wine

By Diana

GATHER YE ROSEBUDS

With the *Hana Matsuri*, the "Festival of Flowers," just over and blossom time now upon us, our thoughts are filled with flowers these days. Fragrant blooms in every nook of the house turn even the most modest home into a palace of wonder, so take advantage of Mother Nature and "gather ye rosebuds while ye may."

It has been said that flowers were put into the world

"*To minister to man,*
To beautify the earth."

Just to look into the face of a flower fills one with awe at the significance of the universe for the flowers tell you of its wonders in a mysterious language of their own, a universal language that never changes with time.

There is a custom that originated in the Orient long ago of expressing one's thoughts and feelings through the language of flowers. But this custom, we regret to say, is slowly passing away before the cruel glare of science that claims that flowers do not speak, for they possess no soul. But they do speak. They utter a hidden language that is revealed to those who would but stop to look.

EMILY POST—THE SOCIAL DICTATOR

Absolutely no lady goes to dinner in a restaurant alone with a gentleman, nor will she ever dine in his apartment—that was one of the stern rules of society twenty years ago when an American woman suddenly sky-rocketed from an ordinary society matron to the leading authority on etiquette. And from then on society became but a mirror of Emily Post relaxing with her as she grew more and more lenient.

But who is this Emily Post? We have all come to know her through her books of etiquette, her newspaper columns, radio talks, and even personal letters—but how many know anything about her besides being the author of the famous book of do's and don'ts.

Emily Price, the daughter of a distinguished Baltimore architect, married Edwin Main Post, New York banker and socialite, quite early in life. For several years she enjoyed life among New York's "400" as a young society matron before her married life came to an abrupt end with a quiet divorce. Then began the career of Mrs. Price Post, making a living for her two sons in the years when society looked askance at any well born woman who dared to accept money for her work.

In spite of society's disapproval she turned to writing, and for several years a succession of novels with a society background appeared before the public in a steady stream. But it was not until she had almost reached the mature age of 50 that Richard Duffy, publishers knocked on her door, and overnight Emily Post's word became law to every woman from the top of the ladder to the bottom.

To Emily Post, reared in a cultural home, a book devoted entirely to manners had seemed unnecessary, but after much strategic persuasion her book of etiquette modestly made its appearance in 1922.

Then the hitherto unknown author suddenly found herself the focus of all attention. Everybody had become etiquette-conscious. Commercial concerns begged for her services. Bewildered hostesses made a sudden change, threw out tooth picks and replaced them with finger bowls and dessert forks. Young people turned to her for the secrets of charm and personality. Nervous brides and grooms suddenly found all the answers to their puzzling questions on the pages of "Etiquette." This one book became the mainstay of the social world and continues to remain so.

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Children Please At Hompa Concert

The unconscious grace and unaffected charm of little children, pink cheeked and bright eyed, entertained the audience at the Hompa Sunday School "Hana Matsuri" (flower festival) Concert which climaxed a day of gay celebrations at the Hompa Hall last Sunday evening.

Before a teeming audience of parents, friends and children, a varied program of dances, short Japanese plays, vocal and instrumental selections by different Sunday School classes and individuals were presented.

One of the prettiest numbers was a "tulip" flower dance by tiny tots who danced across the stage with naive and touching charm.

Unseen but heard to great advantage over the P.A. system was the master of ceremonies, Kiyoshi Suga.

Dan Cupid Busy At Hitching Post

With the approach of spring, Dan Cupid has been exceptionally busy of late everywhere. But in Steveston this past week, he's literally gone off on a rousing binge, with the result that the engagements of six couples have been announced.

They include: Miss Sadako Kochi to Mr. Noboru Konishi; Miss Mariko Mukai to Mr. Mitsuru Yokogawa; Miss Haruko Nishimura to Mr. Masanobu Haraguchi; Miss Tomiye Uyesugi of Vancouver to Mr. Tsuneichi Mizutani; and Miss Tayeko Kumagai of Queensborough to Mr. Jishiro Sato.

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Vancouver music lovers will remember the delightful "Festival of Musical Comedy" last summer in Stanley Park, when [illegible] patrons flocked to hear [illegible] loved baritone in a program not to be forgotten.

His wide opera experience has made Mr. Thomas familiar with all the principal baritone arias. Similarly, his eight years of work in light opera have given him a remarkable knowledge of the more popular types of singing.

An analysis of three programs Thomas gave in New York reveals an astonishingly wide range of selections. There was no repetition in his numerous encores.

Mr. Thomas is able to sing at a moment's notice and without notes some five hundred songs, which include American songs, French, German, Russian, Italian and folk songs of all nations.

Mr. Thomas is a great lover of the out-of-doors, particularly interested in golfing and yachting. At 6:30 in the morning, when the last of New York's gay pleasure seekers are straggling home from night clubs, Thomas is waking up, ready to begin another day bristling with activity.

Seats are now on sale at Kelly's Music Store, 632 Seymour Street.

"Beware of Strange Women" is Moral For Gardener

"Beware of strange women" is the moral which Chozo Fujita, Seattle gardener, probably learned following his conversation with a gypsy woman, who asserted she was "an emissary of a higher power."

Fujita was working in a garden near his home, when an automobile stopped and the woman alighted and began to talk with him.

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Red Cross Society

Groups Working To Meet War Needs

By E. H.

[illegible] Japanese young women [illegible] volunteer workers when they [illegible] Mrs. Hazelwood, Red Cross Society organizer, to [illegible] methods of cutting and sewing bandages, pillow [illegible] sheets and surgeon's gowns at the Nippon Club.

The newly-formed Nisei Unit was reminded that there is no need at the present time for rush work and that headquarters [illegible] that each worker slow down output and become thoroughly familiar with the work.

Seven groups each under a convener have now made arrangements to meet once or twice a week in private homes.

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Champion Actors To Appear Again In W.M.S. Concert

Presentation of the Irish comedy, "First Class Matter," will highlight a concert to be presented by the Ladies' Aid and Women's Missionary Society of the Powell United Church, Saturday evening, April 27, in the Japanese Hall.

The comedy is the same play which captured the city championship in the Greater Vancouver Young People's Union Drama Festival last February. It will be presented by the same cast, including Miss Aki Hyodo, Miss Koto Yatabe, Miss Norah Fujita, Hajime Suzuki and Wesley Fujiwara.

The play also appeared on a program given by the Attic Players at the Carleton Clay studios, but this will be the first time the local community will have had the opportunity to attend en masse.

A varied and extensive musical program has also been arranged for the concert, which is being held to raise funds for the welfare work of the Women's Missionary Society.

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CALENDAR

APRIL

12—[illegible] Speaking Class, [illegible] Clay Studio, 8.15 p.m.
12—AYPA "East" Dinner Dance, Masonic Hall, 9 p.m., [illegible] per person.
12—Vancouver Youth Council Meeting, Y.W.C.A., 7.30 p.m.
14—Radio Sunday School, CKWX, 4.00 p.m.
14—Japanese Baseball League Opening Game, [illegible] vs. Hammond.
14—Russet Baseball League Opening Game, Kitsilano vs. Hompa.
[illegible]—John Charles Thomas Concert, Auditorium, Hilker Attractions.
17—Japanese Catholic Concert, Quinleys Mission Hall.
25—Powell Y.P.S. Roller Party, Ritz, 41st and Fraser, 7.30 to 11.00 p.m., 35c.
26—New Westminster Taiiku Concert.
26—Fuji Ski Club, General and Social Meeting, Henri's, 7 p.m. sharp.
26—Pro-Rec Display, Forum, 8.00 p.m., 25c.
27—Powell United Concert, Japanese Hall, 35c, 8.00 p.m.

Steveston Has First Jr. Church Service

The first Junior Church service of the Steveston Japanese United Church was carried out with great success. There was a large turnout of approximately 80 young people with visitors from the Richmond United, Brighouse United, South Arm United and St. Alban's Anglican Young People Societies who rallied together to hear an inspiring sermon of Rev. Horace Burkholder.

The well-known young people's leader urged the listeners not only "to live and let live" but "to live and help live" and, furthermore, "to follow the gleam."

Among those who were present were Mrs. Burkholder, Rev. and Mrs. Elmamore, and later in the evening, Rev. Harrison Villet of Canadian Memorial who had been speaking at the Steveston United Church.

Kano

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donic digressions and punctured with pungent humour that kept the audience of close to 100 listeners on edge, he pointed to the numerous contributions made by Japanese immigrants in opening up and developing now fertile farm belts, such as the Imperial Valley, Sacramento Valley and in Nebraska, where his own farm is located.

His message to the Nisei was that they must strive until they achieve the same economic and living standards as their American or Canadian neighbours as they have succeeded in Nebraska.

"Just as your parents gave themselves up as a sacrifice to make a place here for you so you must be willing to sacrifice yourselves for the third generation. You have been given splendid bodies, now you must develop your hearts, mind and soul. At all times seek and strive to become happy and splendid citizens of Canada."

School Slants . . .

Magee Niseis are none too active in school matters. Only in sports do they at all cast off the shackles of lethargy—but then it is only the boys. In May Yamazaki, however, we find a constant advocate to the Niseis of bigger and greater things.

Here is a resume of the Niseis on last season's football teams. On the bantam English rugby team was **Jiro Nishimura**. On the junior B's were **Susumu Miiki** and **Masao Nishi**. Then on the junior A's, **Jiro Miiki** and **Shige Fukumoto** helped the team on its way to the championship. These same two lads were a part of the league-leading Canadian rugby team.

Assisting in the advertising section of the school "Campus Chronicle," we find our Molly Fujita.

The school paper is now in progress. With a goal of $150, each person is working feverishly to raise his 60 lbs. minimum quota.

Matric Vignette . . . A girl who takes Senior Matric Chemistry, who belongs to the Chemistry Club, and who likes Algebra best of all her subjects is **Akiko Kagetsu**. Despite all that she has a charming and friendly personality.

When away from her chemistry lab, she finds time to excel at table tennis and badminton, and applies her algebraic skill to the mathematical intricacies of contract bridge.

After High School Akiko intends to go through Varsity and then to visit Japan. There she hopes to master the Japanese language in every detail.

KING GEORGE JOURNAL

Finally the long-awaited combination radio and phonograph is to be purchased. The enthusiastic campaign, started at Christmas, netted $40 and with the fund swelled by a contribution from the Extra-Curricular Activities Association the combination is due any day. It will be used for gym work, foreign language study, noon-hour programs and by the dancing club.

Leading the annual round of matric banquets is King George, with its dinner dance scheduled for Friday evening. With admission at $1.75 per ducat and "dutch," Matrics and ex-Matrics will traipse to the syncopated minstrelsies of a 9-piece orchestra in the Cafe Room of the Hotel Vancouver. (Egad, what class!—Ed.)

An added feature will be the boys in tuxedos.

Matrics Taka Nikaido and Kuniko Sugaya may gain heart in the rumours that ex-K.G.'s Tom Yamashita and "Tucker" Menjo may lend the sole Nisei male touch by their exalted presence.

Matric Vignette . . . Doting on Science and detesting social studies is **Tamiko Sarayama**. She doesn't care for boys in particular and devotes her spare moments to her hobbies, which are knitting, sewing, and collecting new recipes.

A keen sports fan, she loves to play badminton and softball and to swim.

Tamiko is of a studious and reserved nature, and admits her keen desire to become a nurse.

TECHNICAL TATTLES

Matric Vignette . . . An embryonic genius is studious **Hideo Miura**, whom we expect to see rank first in Class 1, when the schools close in June.

Florence flasks and test tubes in Chem. Lab are his delight, but he really glories in the Physics Lab, delving into the mysteries of spectroscopy, sound waves, radium rays, and even quantum mechanics. In English and Social Studies he always manages to keep himself "over the fence."

An athlete of renown, he starred on the Nippatsu soccer team in the G.V.A.A. league, and he wields a mighty wicked stick at kendo. In his less strenuous moments, the Hompa harmonica band keeps him occupied, and now that spring is here, you'll find him abroad with a candid camera.

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NISEI NEWS FROM FAR FLUNG CORNERS IN B.C.

Celtic Grad Club Elects Executive: New Packer Ready

By M. N. C. Pator

Emerging from the most hectic battle of ballots which required the chairman's casting vote three times, were the following officers of the Kyoyu Kai (Celtic Japanese School Graduate Society), elected at its meeting April 7:

Yasuo Yamashita, chairman; Mitsuo Sasaki, president; Natsuko Yamamoto, treasurer, and Susumu Miki, secretary.

These officers, together with a special committee of three comprising K. Kadonaga, Miss K. Oseki and a third as yet unnamed, will carry on the work of retiring officers T. Kano, K. Oseki, Haruyo Yoshihara and M. Sasaki.

Now that the bulk of the responsibility and leadership has been shifted to younger members, this, the fifth year of the Kai may mean the beginning of a new era in its activities.

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"Bering Sea" Launched

Turning to other newsfronts in Celtic we find the new fish packer, "Bering Sea"—successor to the ill-fated "Takao," which burned to the water line last year.

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East-Richo Chats

JCCL Meet

The East Richmond-Delta Sunnie Chapter of the JCCL gathered at the local Japanese School Sunday, April 6.

The meeting was opened by our chairman, Mr. Tamaki, and reports of the second annual Provincial Youth Congress were given by delegates Tatsuro Suzuki and Yoshikiki Sato.

The problem of putting or dynamiting "snags" for the convenience of fishermen was then considered.

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Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. C. Kumagai of this community announce the engagement of their eldest daughter Taeko to Mr. Jishiro Sato, a former resident, now living in Steveston.

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Dance Coming

The kindly local school teacher, Miss C. Lawley, with the assistance of the people of the community, is laying plans for a dance in the near future.

Proceeds of the affair will be used to take the pupils on a picnic trip.

An evening of fun and frolic is guaranteed for one and all. So watch for the date, folks.

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"Bright Sayings"

of the Isseis

"I came to Canada at the age of 15," said one Issei about 52 years of age.

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Weir Opens New Ganges School: Nisei Confirmed

By Y. H.

New School Opened

The opening ceremonies of the new Consolidated School of Ganges were held Monday, April 1, with Dr. G. M. Weir, Provincial Minister of Education, officiating.

Following the ceremony, a banquet was held at the Harbour House Hotel. Among the noted speakers were Dr. Weir and Mr. Willis, Superintendent of Education. Rev. G. Nakayama also spoke on behalf of the local Japanese residents who contributed to the building of the school.

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Nisei Confirmed

Nine Niseis were included among the 36 young people of Ganges who took part in confirmation services here, March 31, with the Lord Bishop of Victoria administering the sacrament of confirmation. Rev. C. H. Popham conducted the service and Rev. O. G. Nakayama of Vancouver read the lessons.

Receiving confirmation were Peter and Mary Murakami, Philip and Luke Murakami, Victor and Jim Okano, Gordon and Tomiko Nakamura, and Grace Numajiri.

Through The New Canadian we, the Japanese young people of Ganges, wish to extend our thanks to Rev. Popham in preparing us for the confirmation.

Britannia Bits

By Crusher

After several weeks of elaborate preparations by the Britannia Store employees, the Beach Store dance in aid of the Red Cross was held Saturday night. With music supplied by the local orchestra the dance hall was crowded with people of both the Beach and Mine. Added to the night's attraction was an exhibition dance by Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Moore of Vancouver.

I noticed several Niseis at the dance. I heard there were several fellows attempting to escort Betty. Wonder who was the lucky fellow? An unusual request to the Crusher by Mr. H. was, quote: "My apologies to a certain girl for spoiling her entire evening."

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Softball Scene

The newly-formed softball team was out for its second practice on Saturday evening. Seems that Jake is not yet in form to get his eyes on those hi flys.

Mas expects to be another Di Maggio before summer is over. However, first advice to Mas from the Captain: "You'd better forget the jitterbug antics when ..."

Mr. Oyama showed a Japanese talkie here Friday evening. The three-hour features consisted of news, and the films "Kyshyo Musuko" and "Sugikiyo-Sanjujusu."

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Prince Rupert Patter

By Hiroshi Hamasaki

News Flashes . . . from station PRP . . . once again your reporter brings you the news highlights from the Nisei world up north.

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Nippon AYPA Active

Rt. Rev. Bishop Rix, Bishop of Caledonia, showed pictures of the work being carried out by the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Caledonia at the regular educational meeting of the Nippon AYPA. The pictures were greatly enjoyed by all the members and friends.

At the Fellowship and Devotional meeting, a discussion upon the meaning of Easter was held among the members with Hiroshi Hamasaki leading. Miss Heaps introduced her sister, who is visiting her at present.

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School Graduation

Under auspices of the Prince Rupert Gakuen, the language school held its third annual graduation exercises, March 21 at the Japanese Hall. Many of the students received diplomas and participated in the program.

Speakers included Mr. Yamanaka, president of the Japanese Association, Mr. Shimizu, president of the Gakuen, and Mrs. Suehiro, president of the Seikokai Mothers' Association.

Miss Itu Kanaye, on behalf of the student body, thanked the teachers for the work they had performed during the year.

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Monument Erected

A memorial service and the unveiling of a monument erected recently under the auspices of the Rupert Japanese Association was held at the Japanese Hall, March 22. Very Rev. Dean J. B. Gibson, assisted by A. Tsuji, officiated at the ceremony.

Afterwards a Buddhist service was held with Rev. Ohashi of Port Essington officiating. Representatives from community organizations spoke in regard to the monument.

News Notes

Niseis employed . . . Cannery have been . . . home to Rupert, Skeena and Vancouver since March 22.

Among the members of the Ocean Falls basketball team that visited here March 20-21 to play the series for the championship of Northern B. C. with the present title-holders, Standard Oil of this city, was an old-timer, Kazu Nakamoto, our former ex-star. Many of the Nisei turned out to see Kazu perform, but sad to relate, Ocean Falls lost both games.

Isamu Kayama has been discharged from the hospital and has returned to his home in Port Essington.

Halibut fishermen have left for the halibut banks, among them many young men from Steveston, Vancouver, and other southern points. A recent arrival is Kay Hirano.

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The Nisei Seek Success In Japan

[illegible] from 1930 to 1940 [illegible] enduring monument to [illegible] be said to be the [illegible] and if [illegible] the rising second [illegible] smack into this [illegible].

[illegible] the war broke out, it was [illegible] that there were in Canada [illegible] 150,000 young men and [illegible] between the ages of 15 and [illegible] gainful employment. Of [illegible] youth leaving school [illegible] at least 40,000 could not find work.

But if the average Canadian or American youth must face such difficulties as these, the average second generation Chinese or Japanese must face them with the added handicap that he has inherited biological characteristics that set him apart from his fellow citizens. And though logically, these characteristics should prove no handicap if reason and common sense prevailed, the fact remains that because his fellows are what they are, he is handicapped [illegible] and [illegible] opportunities which beckon the average youth [illegible] only blind alleys, realizing only bitter frustration instead of successful achievement.

Small wonder, then, that the Nisei turns with wondering eyes to the great nation across the Pacific, where he may merge with the people, indistinguishably from the rest. And many turn, not merely their eyes, but also their feet, hoping that there they may find the realization of the happiness that has been denied them in the country of their birth.

"But what," asked the Survey Committee of the Keisen Girls School, "are the actual facts? What are the determining factors that make for the Nisei's success in Japan? Are they able to solve their vocational problem, and are they finding happiness?"

Of the 437 Nisei sampled, only 20 per cent were working at the time. But of these, some interesting facts were brought to light, which may serve as a guide to other Nisei contemplating a future in Japan.

In the first place, a good education seems to have been an important factor. Of the men, it was found that 50 per cent had actually graduated from college, an additional 20 per cent from high school, while 16 per cent had attended vocational schools. In the case of the women, 28 per cent had graduated from college or junior college, 10 per cent from business school, and 37 per cent from high school.

But it was also found that a superior western education was no touchstone to securing a position in Japan. The problem of learning the language, history and culture of their new home, necessitated serious study. Thus of the Nisei employed, 50 per cent of the men and 47 per cent of the women had had to attend various schools and colleges or had studied privately.

Vocational Difficulties of the Nisei in Japan

	Men	Women
1—Lack of knowledge of Japanese	21	13
2—Lack of preparation in right work	8	14
3—Prejudice because of race or foreign birth	9	3
4—Lack of Japanese citizenship	4	
5—Poor health	3	
6—Other difficulties	4	4

Vocational Difficulties

Difficulties facing the Nisei are many, in addition to the lack of a knowledge of things Japanese. A table of vocational difficulties is interesting, revealing as it does that while the language handicap has been important, the lack of training has been equally important. To some, too, western birth and training proved to be a disadvantage, since some employers were prejudiced against American training.

Similarly, some of the men found that the lack of Japanese citizenship worked against them, although the committee felt that since the majority of the Nisei work for foreign firms, this should not be a serious question. Lack of "pull" and connections, here as elsewhere, proved to be a disadvantage.

Vocational Advantages

Offsetting these handicaps, were certain assets where the Nisei had the edge over the native-born young people. Chief of these, of course, was a knowledge of English. Special training in business and professional lines, too, proved to be a great advantage.

The third asset, to which some of the Nisei attributed their success, was their own psychological make-up, personality traits such as affability, sociability, efficiency and a broader outlook on various problems.

Methods of Securing Employment

	Men	Women
1—Through friends or relatives	25	46
2—Through schools	5	17
3—Through applications	3	1
4—Through advertising		6
5—Other methods	4	4

How do the second generation, [illegible] of foreign birth, actually land [illegible] in Japan? This is always one [illegible] question that arises when [illegible] step into the world of Japan. A table showing how the Nisei [illegible] found their jobs is re[illegible] since friends and relatives [illegible] the most important means [illegible]. The schools, too, played a [illegible] part in helping the Nisei [illegible] positions.

Opportunity?

So far as the question of opportunity for the Nisei in Japan is concerned, it is largely a matter of conjecture. On the whole, there are many fields open, ranging in importance from foreign trade, engineering, clerical work and diplomacy down to missionary work. Some of the Nisei felt that all fields were open for the right men, while others were frankly dubious and pessimistic concerning the Niseis future in Japan.

As for women, clerical work offers the best opportunity, although the field is becoming more limited. In the opinion of the Nisei interviewed other occupations such as teaching, translating and home economics offer the greatest opportunity.

But one's vocation, important as it may be, is not the whole story of happiness. There are important social and psychological factors which enter into the picture, and the Nisei, both men and women, are divided almost evenly in their preference either for Japan or for the West.

For the former, psychological reasons are most important—the feeling of equality of race and a growing attachment for the country. But for the latter the material comfort of the West summed up briefly in higher wages, shorter hours and better climate, more than offset the disadvantages.

Royal City Taiikus Plan Big Concert

In preparation for the forthcoming "Night of Music and Drama" which will take place on Sunday, April 28, under the auspices of the New Westminster Taiiku Club, very favourable progress is being made in regard to the varied program for the evening.

Under the capable direction of Mr. Z. Samata, a play, the feature of the evening, is being rehearsed regularly.

Previous to the dramatic presentation a very well balanced program of musical entertainment will be provided. Many local talents are being discovered and among them many surprise presentations will be revealed in the form of future Crosbys, Alice Fayes, Hoosier Hot Shots, etc.

As an added attraction, along with the jewel-studded local talent, stars from Vancouver and outlying districts will also be presented.

Summerl'd-Kelowna Battle It Out At Table Tennis

Spring is in the air. Birds sing, gentle breezes blow and the brilliant Okanagan sun rides his chariot every day.

The farmers are burning prunings, spraying and getting their orchards in shape for the season.

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Ping Pong

On Sunday, March 31, the Kelowna Bossei Ping Pongers were the guests of the Summerland Nisei Club. Two rousing matches were dished up, the locals taking the first by a large margin and Kelowna taking the latter.

Sunday, April 7, saw the local paddlers motoring up to the Orchard City for a return combat. Although they fought gallantly, the visitors lost both rounds to Kelowna.

Hail the Champ!

But in the last event, Miss Sakae Kito of Summerland proved her skill by defeating Shigeru Harada, ace Kelowna flick artist, to the tune of 15-5. She was presented with a pen and pencil set, awarded to the best player at the games.

After the breathtaking table bouts, an appetizing supper was served. The localities came home a tired but happy bunch . . . tired because of the games and happy because . . . . well, your guess is as good as mine.

—Amari Shaberu.

Steveston JCCA Hears Disease Talk

By Staff Correspondent

Almost four hundred Nisei, including many young men and women of marriageable age, packed the Steveston Dantai Hall Friday evening, April 5, to hear a lecture on health given by Dr. K. Shimotakahara, well-known pioneer Japanese physician, under the auspices of the Steveston JCCA.

Mr. K. Ishii, representing the Social Welfare Division of the Canadian Japanese Association, gave a short address, and introduced the principal speaker.

Dr. Shimotakahara, speaking upon venereal disease, urged that young people contemplating marriage should undergo examinations before taking this step, in order to avoid unhappiness and tragedy in married life.

Films on venereal disease prepared by the Provincial Department of Health were shown and explained by the speaker.

From Fish to Can

A moving picture, "From Fish to Can," prepared by the Provincial Department of Fisheries and tracing the whole series of steps from catching the fish, through the various canning operations, and its ultimate distribution to the consumer was also shown.

Hiroshi Nishi, energetic president of the JCCA, was chairman for the evening.

Ladner High Joins Fraser Ball Loop

Nishijima Heads 4-Team Valley League

By Tsuguo Suzuki

Four teams will make up the Fraser Valley Baseball League this season, with entries from the New Westminster Taiiku Giants, Taiiku Juniors, the Riverside JCCL from Delta-East Richmond-Surrey, and a new squad, Ladner High School.

With Toshio Nishijima in the chair, a meeting of the league was held at the New Westminster Japanese School, April 6. Newly elected officers for the 1940 season are: Toshio Nishijima, president; Tsuguo Suzuki, English secretary; K. Okihiro, Japanese secretary; "Sock" Seki, treasurer; and "Tak" Katakami, George Sasaki, Jim Robinson, Homer Robinson and Satoru Akazawa, advisors.

The meeting drew up the following schedule. Clip it out for reference this season:

April 21—Riverside vs. Giants
(Queensboro Park, 10:30 a.m.)
Ladner vs. Taiiku Juniors
(Ladner Park, 3:00 p.m.)

April 28—Riverside vs. Taiiku Jrs.
(Queensboro Park, 3:00 p.m.)
Giants vs. Ladner
(Ladner Park, 3:00 p.m.)

May 12—Giants vs. Taiiku Juniors
(Queensboro Park, 3:00 p.m.)
Riverside vs. Ladner
(Ladner Park, 3:00 p.m.)

May 19—Taiiku Juniors vs. Giants
(Queensboro Park, 10:30 a.m.)
Ladner vs. Riverside
(Queensboro Park, 3 p.m.)

May 26—Taiiku Jrs. vs. Ladner
(Ladner Park, 3 p.m.)
Giants vs. Riverside
(Queensboro Park, 3 p.m.)

Teams ending second and third will play out a knockout game to determine the right to play the first place team for the championship. The final playoff will be a two-out-of-three series.

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From the Dugout

Sunday Leaguers Rarin' To Go!

Yamjin Yimminy, does everybody realize that this Sunday marks the grand opening of the Japanese Baseball League? My my, how time does fly! Beginning this week, will be the long Sunday series that will carry on till far into the hot summer days.

After listening to all the gabbling about who's entering and who's not, well, the Japanese League's debut looked dubious, but now it's all settled, they're actually going to swing into action this Sunday. Yowsah, the old arch enemies, Union Fish, who carried off the championship last year despite our super-colossal predictions will meet the so-called killer Giants at 2:30 in the first game of the '40 season at Powell Grounds.

Papa Hoshino

At precisely the same time, Steveston's rather partisan baseball fans will be able to root for their home town team. For why shouldn't they root, they've got the league's best pitchers from Hammond playing with their boys, and altogether their prospect for the pennant looks plenty rosy. For their first intended victims, they take on the newly-born Asahi Niguns, who may as yet be baptized as "Powell Drugs" through the kindness of Mr. Hoshino of the Powell Drug Co.

This year under the iron hand of Roy Yamamura, "Viva el presidente!" a number of new rulings have popped up, such as the usage of senior Asahi players only with the consent of the executive board, and the abolishing of the old custom of "Japanese Time." Yes sir, players will have to be on time this year, or their team will have to forfeit one whole dollar to the league's rather thin treasury for every 15-minutes tardy. If not there by half an hour after the time scheduled to play, well you just automatically lose the game.

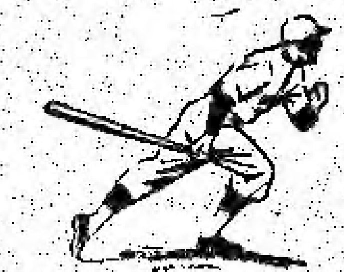
This year like the last, the games will be nine inning affairs, but the number of games to be played will be considerably shortened. Each team playing opposing nines only four games, making a grand total of 12 games for the whole season.

Okuda Nuisance

A severe jolt to officials at the last meeting was the bombshell statement by "Rosie" Okuda, league treasurer, that the treasury was in a rather deflated condition. Not enough to meet any emergency or buy the much needed bases, so what's the answer?

Now Mickey Murakami and Rosie Okuda are busy making tentative plans for a hard-time dance, and arranging for either the Hastings Auditorium or the Orange Hall as the site. The date as yet has not been settled.

Sunday League Schedule



April	Time
14—Unions vs. Giants	2:30
14—Fujis vs. Asahis	2:30
21—Asahis vs. Unions	11:00
21—Giants vs. Fujis	2:30
28—Giants vs. Asahis	2:30
28—Fujis vs. Unions	2:30
May	**Time**
5—Giants vs. Unions	11:00
5—Asahis vs. Fujis	2:30
12—Unions vs. Asahis	2:30
12—Fujis vs. Giants	2:30
19—Asahis vs. Giants	11:00
19—Unions vs. Fujis	2:30

The first named is the home team.

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Skiers End With Social Trimmings

Closing Banquet and Dance Scheduled

The snow on Grouse, the winter playground of Nisei skiers, has just about melted, and already on the big hill, stumps and rocks are appearing, making it unsafe for further skiing. Just once more, before the Fuji plankers call it quits, a party will be formed this Sunday for a gruelling trek to Dam Mountain. After that, they'll all hang up their ski togs among the moth balls, and wait for another winter. Another winter of plentiful snow covering the hazardous, tree-dodging trails of Kandahar, the fast quarter-mile downhill slopes of the Big Hill, tricky turns down to the Lake. A wish that was granted only for a short time this season.

To climax this short, but most successful season, the Fuji executives have called an annual closing meeting for Friday, April 26 at the banquet room of Henri's at the corner of Georgia and Granville. After the banquet which begins at 7 p.m., Vice-President Tuck Shimizu will take the chair and call the meeting for the election of new executives and hear reports from Kou Higashiyama and Cece Okawara.

The highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of the Paramount cup to Frank Hatanaka, speedy Fuji ace who won the trophy in the recent ski meet with Seattle Rokka Club.

The social end of the evening will be under the convenorship of Kou Higashiyama and Yuki Yoshida. Movies of the Fuji skiers taken at Rainier by Messrs. Kashiwa, Onami and Takazaki will also be shown.

Since this banquet is a strictly be permitted only by invitations sent out by the secretary. Persons receiving invitations must notify Cece Okawara immediately if they wish to attend, so that the executives may determine the number to be present.

Dance Coming

Another gala function planned by the hard-working Fuji executives is a dance to be held at the classy White Rose Ballroom on May 23. The orchestra in attendance will be the popular 8-piece Cosmopolitan's. A raffle which will be out soon will also be drawn during the dance.

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SPORTS Sukiyaki

Sukiyaki is Sour

The warm spring days are here and baseball, tennis, golf and other summer sports will swing into action, but this columnist is still in the dumps. I've often wondered why so many scribes have attempted this column and after a short time left it hanging in the air for the next victim. And dang it that's just the way I feel right now.

Last week I looked ahead for the golf tourney write-up to fill space, but old man weather was unusually mean and waited a whole week until Sunday to let go his torrential April showers. To add to his meanness he makes old Sol appear again on Monday. Yes sir, he always picks a Sunday. I bet it rains this Sunday too.

Talking of golf, the handicap tourney will be played off this Sunday. Champion "golf-bugs" Jimmy Suzuki, Frank Miyasaki and Doc Baba took advantage of the one week reprieve and set off for ye old greens at Langara at 6 a.m. Wednesday morning and managed to squeeze in 18 holes before the call to breakfast.

Crystal Gazing

Usually about this time of the year every sport scribe takes a crack at pre-season prediction on who's going to win the pennant, so I decided to watch the last practices, but Sunday's rain washed away all workouts and it's one heck of a job to pick the winners by glancing over the lineups.

Since my predictions are widely known to be always wrong, and a jinx to the team I select, well it would be just like sticking my neck into a noose, but jinx or no jinx I think the Steveston-Hammond combine will be the team to beat this year. That is providing Tommy Sawayama sticks with the fish town boys and doesn't switch to the Giants. Yes sir, as far as the pitching staff is concerned Steveston with Sawayama and Kusano has the strongest in the circuit.

Hurrah for Mr. Hoshino! Again the generous druggist together with his partner, Mr. Shaw of the Powell Drug Co., have come to the aid of the sporting front by deciding to sponsor a team in the Japanese League, and the team selected to play under the Powell Drug banner is the young Asahi Niguns. Powell Drugs' team will be a mixture of newcomers, last year Mikado players and a few Ichiguns. If a few of the newcomers make good, they're going to give some tough opposition.

Nippatsus Are Giant Killers

Say, these soccerites, who go under the name of Nippatsus are all right—it's rather amazing the way they hurdle some of the tough opposition they have come up against.

Some years an all-Japanese soccer team called the Fairview Club entered the 3rd division in the Juvenile League. This scribe tried his hand at managing the team. The boys were really good, and they played their hearts out, but they just couldn't lick their taller adversary.

Ever since I had been of the opinion that Nipponese were not made for soccer, but the Nippatsus have now definitely changed my mind. Nippatsus in their first year in the G.V.A.A. have made a dandy showing. Here's hoping you win the cup this Saturday, boys! We'll be rooting for you!

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